



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,  
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**  
**Church of England Team Ministry:**  
[www.wpcteam.org.uk](http://www.wpcteam.org.uk)

**Sunday 11 October 2020**  
**Services in our parish churches**

**At Communion only the bread will be received and we will stand.  
Bread to be administered by the priest only.  
Face masks must be worn by those attending**

**Services for 11 October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
	St Andrew's	Morning Praise
11.00am	St Mary's	Morning \Praise
	St Thomas'	No Service

Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philipians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

**The Collect for Eighteen Sunday after Trinity**

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Monday 12 October- Saturday 17 October2020**

Monday	M P	Psalm 80	2 Kings ch 5	Acts 26:1-23
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Kings 6:1-23	Acts 26:24-32
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 119:105-128	2 Kings 9:1-16	Acts 27:1-26
Thursday	M P	Psalm 92	2 Kings 9:17-29	Acts 27:27-44
Friday	M P	Psalm 88	2 Kings 12:1-19	Acts 28:1-16
Saturday	M P	Psalm 97	2 Kings 17:1-23	Acts 28:17-31

Thursday Holy Communion at St Andrews 9.15am 15 Oct

**Services for 18 October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise
	St Andrew's	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	St Thomas'	Evening Praise

Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

### **A Prayer for the world**

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.  
**Amen**

### **A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use.**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

#### **Those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us including:**

Marie Rogers, Terry Randells, Emma Aindow-Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner, Judy Stewart, Richard Willows, Mavis Connor, John McGowen

**All NHS staff, care workers, emergency services, shop workers, funeral directors and all key workers.**

### **The families and friends of those who have recently died:**

**Don Sutton**

**David Jarvis** Private funeral at St Andrews 26 Oct 11.00am with interment in Whittlesey Cemetery afterwards

### **Anniversaries 11-17 October**

**St Andrew's:**

**St Thomas':** Kathleen Mabel Dean 14

**St Mary's:** Ethel May Gilbert 11 Olive Evelyn Wright 13 Phyllis Garner 15 Agnes Mary Longstaff 16  
John Gallacher 17

**Holy Trinity:** Norman Edward Dale 13

**To support you with your daily prayer and contact with the wider church please make use of the following websites.**

**Church of England.** <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

**Prayer online.** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

**Diocese of Ely.** <https://www.elydiocese.org/>

**Ely Cathedral.** <https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

The diocesan prayer calendar can be found at

<https://www.elydiocese.org/growing-in-faith/prayer-calendar/>

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#### Notices

**David Jarvis** It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the death of one of our Brothers in Christ.

David served St Andrew's well especially as PCC Treasurer and supporting Rosemary with the flower arranging and The Children's Society. We send our condolences to his family and friends. He is now reunited with Rosemary, may he rest in peace, and rise in glory, Amen

**Elizabeth and Allen from Holy Trinity have sent this** letter: "After nearly sixteen years Elizabeth and Allen Ollenbittle have "hung up" their Church Warden's keys for the last time. Sometimes fraught, often taxing but overall a very happy and satisfying position to hold. We wish to express our grateful thanks to those who have helped us maintain Holy Trinity's very high standards, particularly Colin and Dorothy Date and Fiona Heaysman for their kind wishes and gifts towards our latest retirement. Much appreciated and thoughtful.

An Extra "thank you from ourselves and from Holy Trinity itself to "Coates Book Club" for all the funds they have raised in the past. Sincerely Elizabeth and Alan"

**Wet Walnuts for sale** once again Pat Marston is offering her walnuts at £4 a half kilo, all the proceeds will go to the Little Miracles in Peterborough who help mentally and physically disabled children. If you would like a bag please ring 07443867424 to arrange collection

**Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride & Stride 2020** As was reported in a recent Newsletter, Terry & Jane Randells had a very pleasant morning's cycling on Saturday 12th September. Roger Brown was also out and about, covering parish churches to the south and west of Peterborough. We had set off at 0915, doing a circuit via Holy Trinity, Coates, St. Mary's, Whittlesey, St. Andrew's, Whittlesey and finally St. Thomas's, Pondersbridge. We spent 3 hours out, just over 1 1/4 hours in the saddle, stopping for drinks and snacks, and to take photographs and chat to Churchwardens who were about at Holy Trinity and St. Thomas's. The total distance was 14 miles. Roger covered about 50 miles getting as far as King's Cliffe.

**The financial bits:** Sponsorship forms were placed in each of the Churches in the Benefice. These have now been collected in and the funds donated were as follows:

St. Andrew's	£260:00
Holy Trinity	£90:00
St. Mary's	£50:00
St. Thomas's	£65:00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£465.00</b>

The total raised £465:00, will be sent to the CHCT who will then claim any Gift Aid, which they keep. Half of the total raised, £232:50, will then be sent back to the WP&C Team account. Please accept our grateful thanks to all those that have supported us in this effort.

REFLECTIONS for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity. Matt 22.1-14.

Everything in the garden is not always lovely although we want them to be. Sometimes weeds and thistles spring up from nowhere and threaten to choke the very existence of everything around them taking over and choking the beauty of the flowers. The world and modern day life is often like that and at times it can be a dangerous place.

The story Jesus tells in Matthew Chapter 22, verses 1-14 in the parable of the Wedding Feast is not principally about happiness and joy and the coming together of our lives lived in the light of Christ. It is more about consequences which are dire and threatening. The sort of thing we do not like don't like to hear in Church since we Christians have an ever pervading spirit of joy and gladness. God loves us! Don't worry! We are saved by Jesus and God will wipe every tear from our every eye! We don't want to hear about the prospects of disaster and about weeping and weeping and gnashing of teeth.

So what is the true message from today's Gospel reading? It is about a joyous event, the coming of God's Kingdom and in particular the arrival of the long awaited Messiah. The Jews that Jesus was speaking to were from diverse walks of life, the power hungry Ruling Class, the wealthy and self-satisfied, prostitutes, tax collectors and sinners of all kinds, the blind and lame, the poor and needy, the oppressed and the nobodies. All were to hear the same good news about the coming of the Messiah who comes to bring God's Kingdom and put all things right. In other words all of us, whoever we are invited to the Wedding Feast. Some were and are ready to turn their lives around and accept God's love through living it in their lives and others felt and today feel that they have made it already and want to perpetuate a society of self-satisfaction hanging on to personal power, abusing God's law, although the consequences of this for others, the needy and oppressed were dire. They refused to see the true mind of God and the life he has in store for us.

It is not a story of hopelessness, because God loves the ruthless and the arrogant and those of us who would cause mayhem. He wants us all to succeed – as he did the Israelites whom he gave many chances to change, always forgiving but not always being listened to. To his last breath Jesus forgives us from the Cross, wants us all to turn around, love God and our fellow human beings by living love and forgiveness in our hearts but unfortunately there will be those who don't listen, just like those who had been invited to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb and rejected the invitation.

The others, the nobodies, in the parable were delighted that they were to have pride of place at the Feast – a true Jubilee for them, something intended by God which the Jews had long forgotten. However, all of us must have the right clothes to wear for the Wedding – and we need to show this in our lives, richly and apparent, as Christians working within our community. The reality is that we have to be seen by others strikingly and apparent by wearing the right clothes, holy and transformed, loving and kind to all. Let us never be complacent and always strive to do God's Will !

God bless us all in his service.

John.